

## **WOMT Summary for May 15, 2012**

WOMT met and discussed the following:

The Smelt Working Group recommended no change in projected operations based on a review of delta smelt distribution and salvage data, current Delta conditions and projected operations. While the salvage of juvenile delta smelt has increased over this past week, the Working Group agreed that the numbers do not reach a high level of concern requiring a change in operations, as detailed in the OCAP BiOp RPA for the following reasons: seasonal cumulative salvage has not reached the total concern level of 12,851, the center of delta smelt distribution appears to be out of the south and central Delta, and -5000 OMR is within the allowable level of the OMR range of action 3 of the RPA. The Working Group also agreed that given their present distribution, existing constraining conditions was sufficient to protect longfin smelt. The Working Group will continue to monitor smelt salvage, larval smelt survey data, and delta hydrological conditions and will reconvene May 21, 2012, at 10 am.

Currently as of May 15, 2012, the FWS and DFG deem that no additional actions are needed for protection of delta and longfin smelt.

DOSS does not have new advice to WOMT and NMFS this week, but will provide an update on its discussions pertaining to possible adjustments to operations during the May 28–31 period based on the change in San Joaquin Water Year Index classification from critical to dry on May 9, and a possible water temperature off ramp for operations under the stipulation.